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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UN

REF: STATE 254700

1. I APPRECIATE CRITICAL SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO DEFEAT OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA, AND AM AWARE OF CRUCIAL ROLE WHICH ASEAN VOTES WILL PLAY. HOWEVER, INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL ARE BASED ON GROSS MISUNDERSTANDING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF PRESIDENT MARCOS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO.

2. NOT ONLY WOULD MARCOS DEEPLY RESENT OUR APPROACHING HIM AS QUOTE LITTLE BROWN BROTHER UNQUOTE TO DO US BIDDING IN UNGA, BUT HE WOULD NEVER RPT NEVER AGREE TO EXPOSE HIMSELF TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN THAT LIGHT. EVEN IF HE WERE FULLY TO SYMPATHIZE WITH THE CONCEPT, HE WOULD REFUSE TO SEND A LETTER TO SUHARTO ON A MATTER EXTRANEIOUS TO GOP-GOI RELATIONS BECAUSE HE WOULD REALIZE THAT SUHARTO WOULD RESENT SUCH AN ACTION.

3. IT IS NATURAL AND APPROPRIATE THAT PRESIDENT PARK SHOULD HAVE SENT A LETTER TO SUHARTO ON A MATTER DIRECTLY AFFECTING KOREA. HE SENT A SIMILAR LETTER
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TO MARCOS. IF, HOWEVER, SUHARTO HAS NOT RESPONDED

POSITIVELY TO PARK AND ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL LETTER IS
REQUIRED TO CHANGE HIS MIND, IT WILL HAVE TO BE SIGNED
BY PRESIDENT FORD.
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